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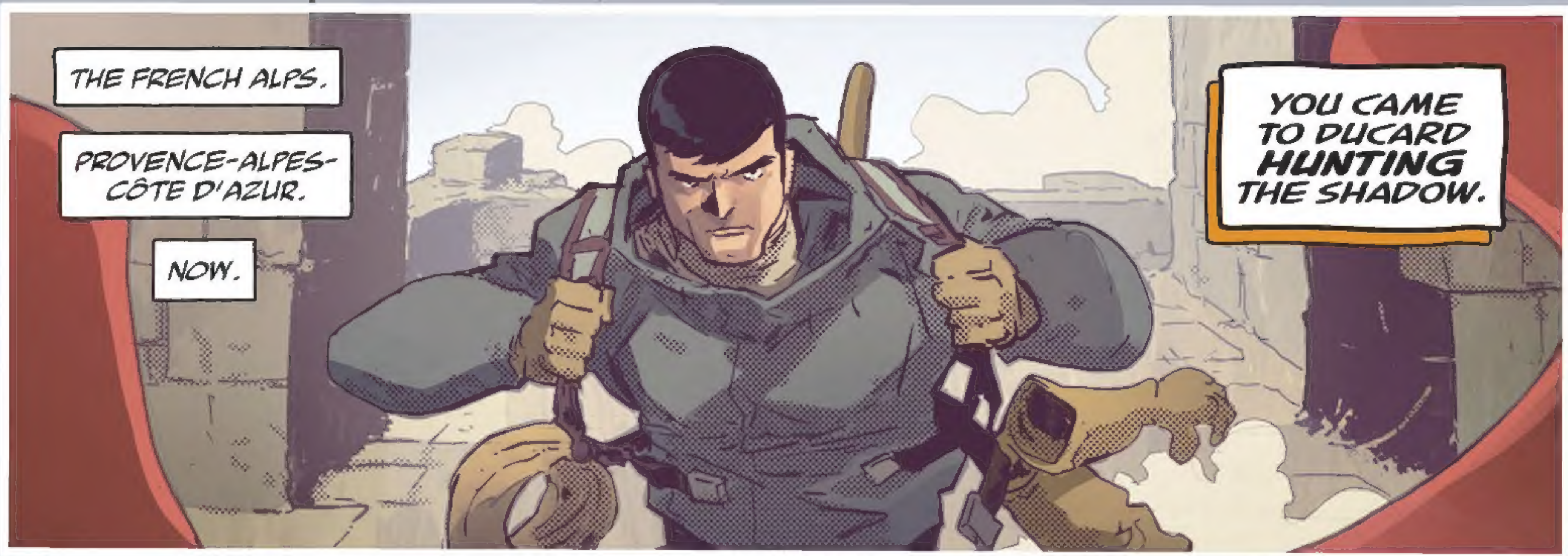
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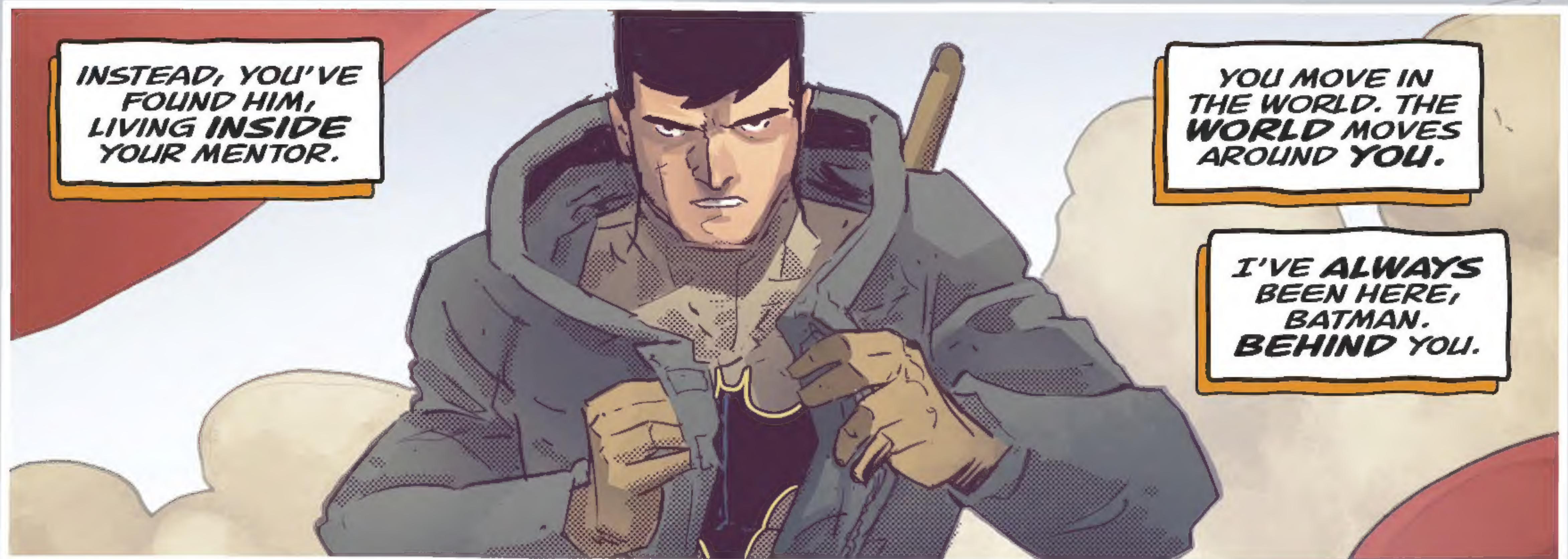


THE FRENCH ALPS.

PROVENCE-ALPES-
CÔTE D'AZUR.

NOW.

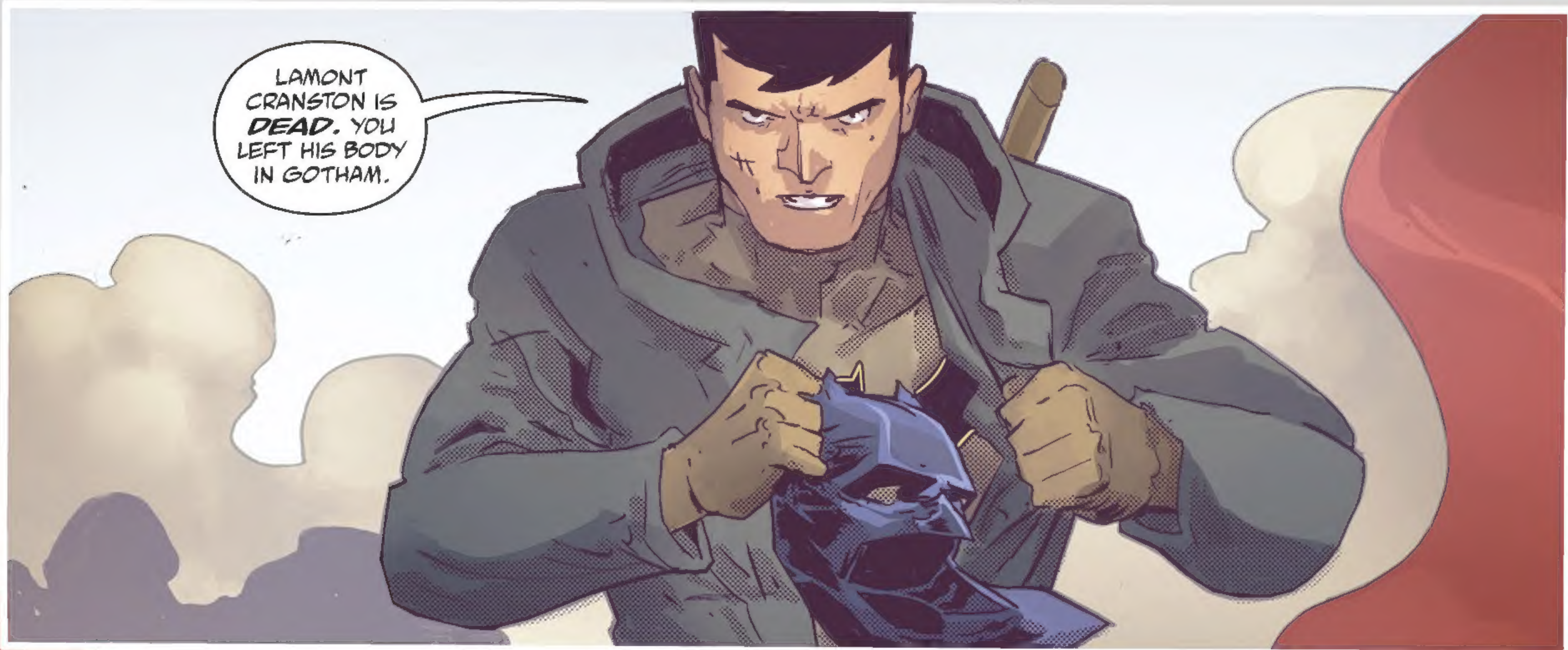
YOU CAME
TO DUCARD
HUNTING
THE SHADOW.



INSTEAD, YOU'VE
FOUND HIM,
LIVING **INSIDE**
YOUR MENTOR.

YOU MOVE IN
THE WORLD. THE
WORLD MOVES
AROUND **YOU**.

**I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN HERE,
BATMAN.
BEHIND YOU.**



LAMONT
CRANSTON IS
DEAD. YOU
LEFT HIS BODY
IN GOTHAM.



YOU THINK
YOU'VE FOUND
**CRANSTON'S
KILLER?**

I DON'T
THINK.



I KNOW.

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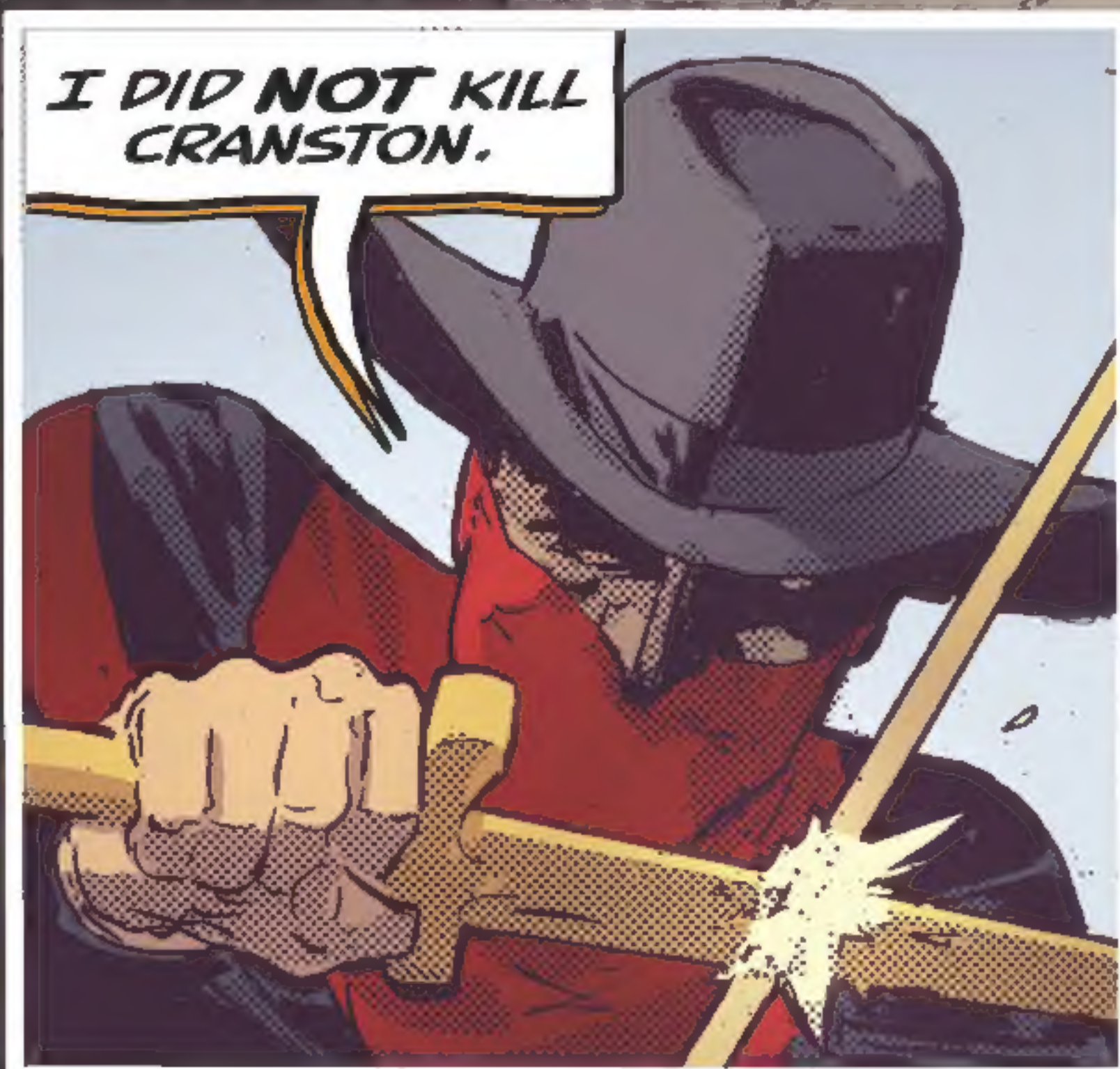


REASON
SOFTENS YOU.



TIME
SLACKENS
YOUR MIND.

THUNK



I DID NOT KILL
CRANSTON.



YOU ATTACKED ME
IN HIS HOME.

I SAW
THE WEAPON IN
YOUR HAND.



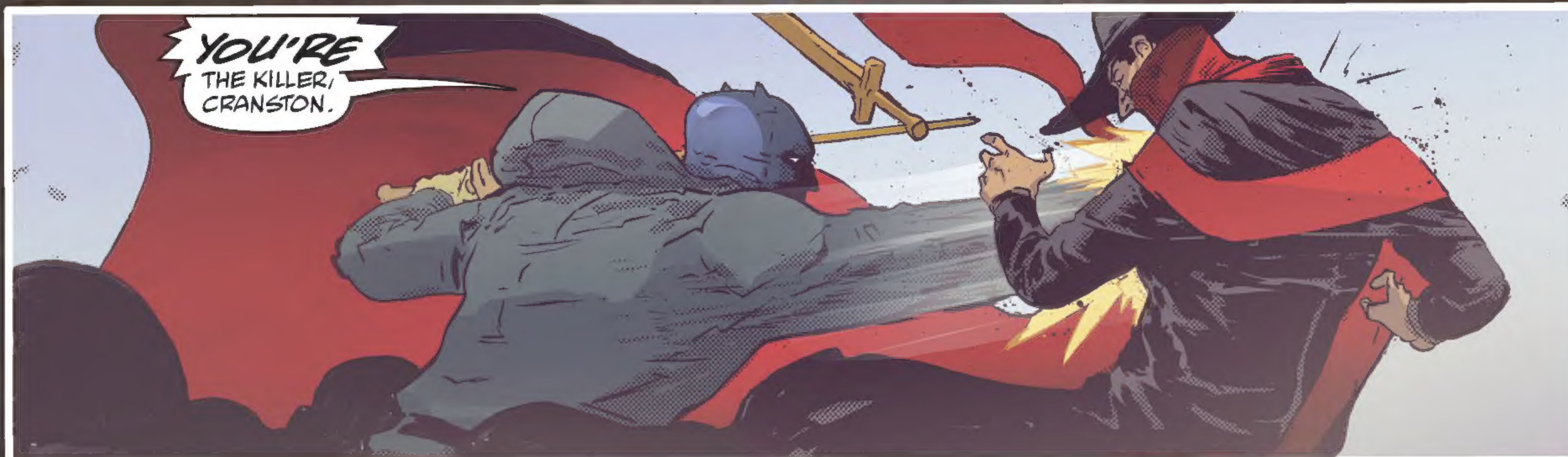
ONLY A FOOL TRUSTS HIS EYES.



I TRUST MY
MIND. IT GOT ME
TO YOU.

ARE YOU SO
SURE, BRUCE?

WE HUNT THE
SAME KILLER.



YOU'RE
THE KILLER,
CRANSTON.

**NOT THIS
KILLER, BRUCE.**

THE **FIRST**
CRANSTON DIED
DECADES AGO. BUT I
RAN FACIAL RECOGNITION.
YOU'RE A **PERFECT**
MATCH.

WHY KILL YOUR
DESCENDANT?

CRANSTON IS ONE
OF **MANY** FACES
I'VE WORN OVER
THE CENTURIES.



LAZARUS.
DIONYSEUM.
THERE ARE WAYS TO
STAY YOUNG. **EVERY-**
ONE THINKS THEY'RE
A MYSTERY.



I'LL **PROVE**
YOU KILLED
CRANSTON. **PROVE**
WHO YOU ARE.

A WASTE
OF TIME.
CRANSTON'S
KILLER **DOES**
LURK YOUR
STREETS. AND
HE IS **NOT**
FINISHED.

THE STAG HAS COME
FOR GOTHAM'S BEST,
BRUCE. **REASON**
WILL NOT DEFEAT HIM.



CONVENIENT
ALIBI. BUT I
WON'T PLAY YOUR
GAME.

THIS IS NO GAME.
IT IS A **GLIMPSE**
OF THE WORLD
YOU'VE FOUND...



MY WORLD.

I LIVE MANY LIVES,
ALL BRANCHING OFF
FROM **ONE**--A
LEGENDARY BUTCHER.

HAVING EXHAUSTED ALL
THE **HORRORS** MAN CAN
VISIT UPON HIS BROTHER,
I TURNED MY EYES TO
GREATER POWER.

SHAMBA-LA.
A PROMISED LAND
FOR MEN TO WHOM
DEPRAVITY WAS
LONG MUNDANE.

BUT I DID NOT FIND
POWER THERE. I FOUND
PERSPECTIVE.


I WAS GIVEN A CHOICE, WITH
MY EVERY SIN LAID UPON MY
HEART--LET THE WEIGHT CRUSH
MY SOUL, OR RELIEVE IT BY
PREYING ON MY OWN KIND.

SO THE **SHADOW** WAS
MADE. UNDYING.
UNYIELDING. UNFEELING.
TRAINED TO CLOUD MEN'S
MINDS AND CHARGED TO
PUNISH THE WORST OF
THE WORLD.

FOR ALL
YOUR WARS,
BRUCE, YOU
DO NOT
TRULY
KNOW THE
EVIL THAT
LURKS IN
THE HEARTS
OF MEN.

I DO.

AND THE STAG
WORSHIPS IT.



HIS AIM IS SIMPLE--TO PUNISH THE WORLD'S BEST, AS I PUNISH ITS WORST.

I HAVE KILLED HIM **HUNDREDS** OF TIMES, ONLY TO SEE HIM RISE. YOU CANNOT FIGHT HIM ALONE.

...YOU WANT TO HELP? START WITH THE TRUTH. **HOW** DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?

I SHOULD. I **TRAINED** YOU FOR YEARS, THROUGH DUCARD, AND MY **OTHER** FACES.

NO. I WOULD HAVE **KNOWN**.

THE CLOUDED MIND SEES **NOTHING**.

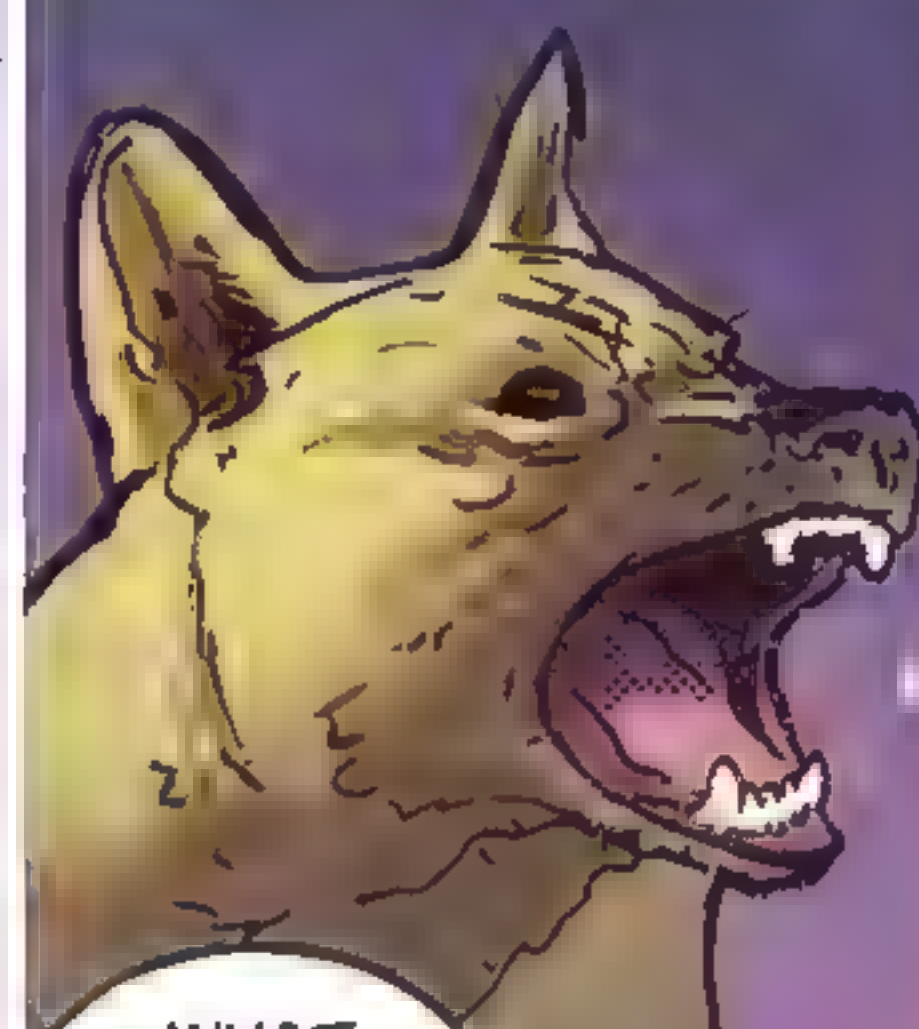
YOU'RE EITHER LYING, OR YOU **KNEW** A KILLER WAS COMING TO GOTHAM AND ALLOWED IT.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU COULDN'T FINISH YOUR **VENDETTA**, SO YOU USED MY CITY AS BAIT.

I'LL FIND CRANSTON'S KILLER. AND IF IT'S YOU... **LIES** WON'T STOP ME.

FORTUNATE, THEN...

LONG ISLAND,
NEW YORK.



WHAT
MORE CAN
I *GIVE*,
MASTER?

YOU SAVED
MY LIFE, YEAH.
THAT WAS *EIGHTY*
YEARS AGO. WHEN
THE HELL IS MY
DEBT PAID?

YOUR SUFFERING
AT THE YOKE OF
CULPABILITY IS
AN *INSTANT*
NEXT TO MINE.



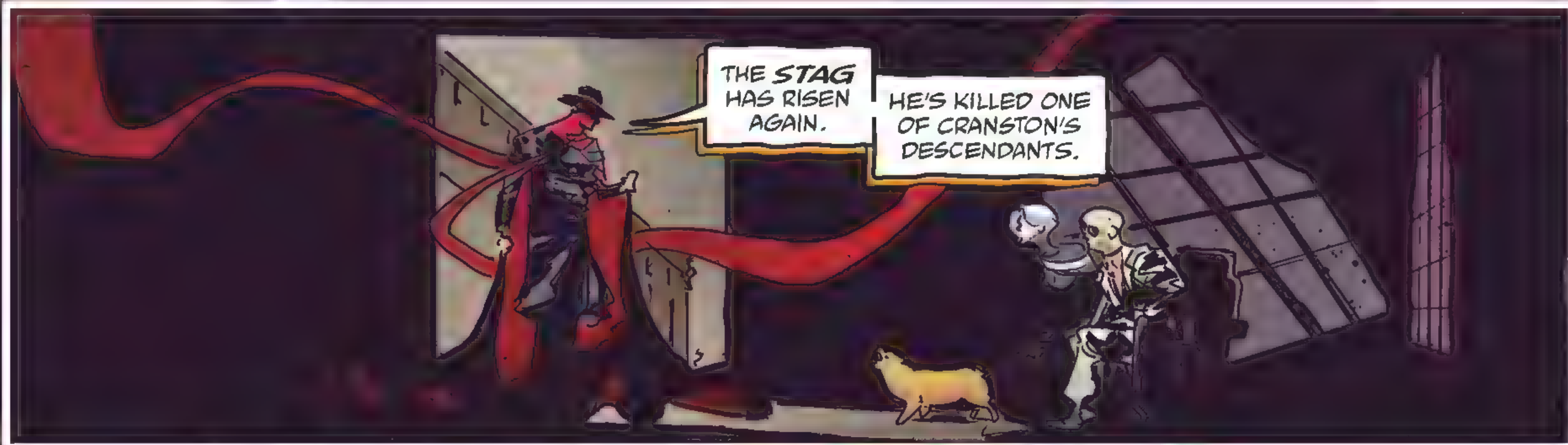
HARRY VINCENT.
MARGO LANE.
YOU LISTEN TO
ME--YOU ARE
BOTH AT RISK.

GOOD
LORD. LISTEN
TO YOURSELF.
WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



"HARRY VINCENT. MARGO LANE." TALK TO ME
LIKE A *HUMAN*, DAMN IT. AS *LAMONT*.

THIS WARNING IS ONE OF MY
LAST ACTS AS THE MAN YOU
KNEW. HUMANITY IS A *LUXURY*
I CAN NO LONGER AFFORD.



THE **STAG**
HAS RISEN
AGAIN.

HE'S KILLED ONE
OF CRANSTON'S
DESCENDANTS.

YOU...
YOU NEVER
CARED ABOUT
US. OR LAMONT.
YOU **STOLE**
HIS FACE.

IT IS A **MESSAGE**. OUR
WAR REACHES ITS CLIMAX. A
WAR YOU WERE **PART** OF.

YOU'RE **USELESS**
TO ME NOW...BUT...YOU
DESERVED TO KNOW. HE
COULD COME FOR YOU.



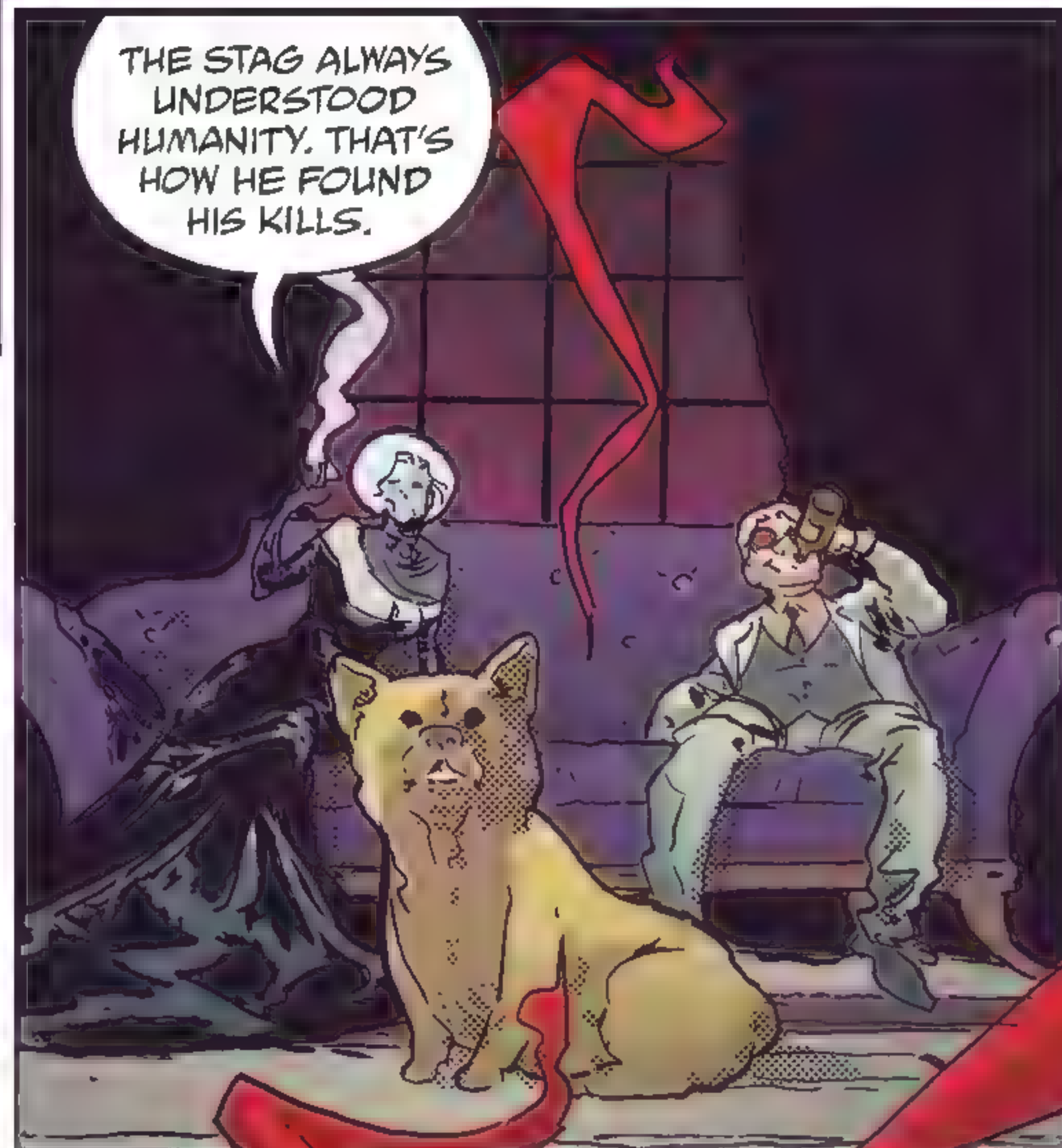
YOU **KNEW** THE
FIGHT WOULDN'T END. IF IT
WASN'T THE **STAG**, IT WOULD BE
KHAN, OR **MONSTRADAMUS**,
OR **GOD KNOWS** WHO ELSE.



YOU SPENT US
LIKE AMMUNITION.
NOW YOU'RE
TRYING TO DO THE
SAME WITH
BATMAN.

I **KNOW**.
HE VISITED
ME. DON'T
MAKE THE
SAME
MISTAKES YOU
ALWAYS
DO.

YOU DON'T
WANT TO BURY YOUR HUMANITY.
YOU WANT TO REMIND YOUR-
SELF OF IT. AND YOU **NEED** TO.



THE **STAG** ALWAYS
UNDERSTOOD
HUMANITY. THAT'S
HOW HE FOUND
HIS KILLS.



THE BATCAVE.

"AND IT'S THE **ONLY** WAY YOU'LL FIND HIM."

STRANGE FELLOW.

LOOKS A BIT LIKE MY **MATE** FROM THE SERVICE, MASTER BRUCE.

DON'T CALL ME **MASTER**, ALFRED. THAT'S WHAT **HIS** AGENTS CALL HIM.

NO PROGRESS THEN, SIR?

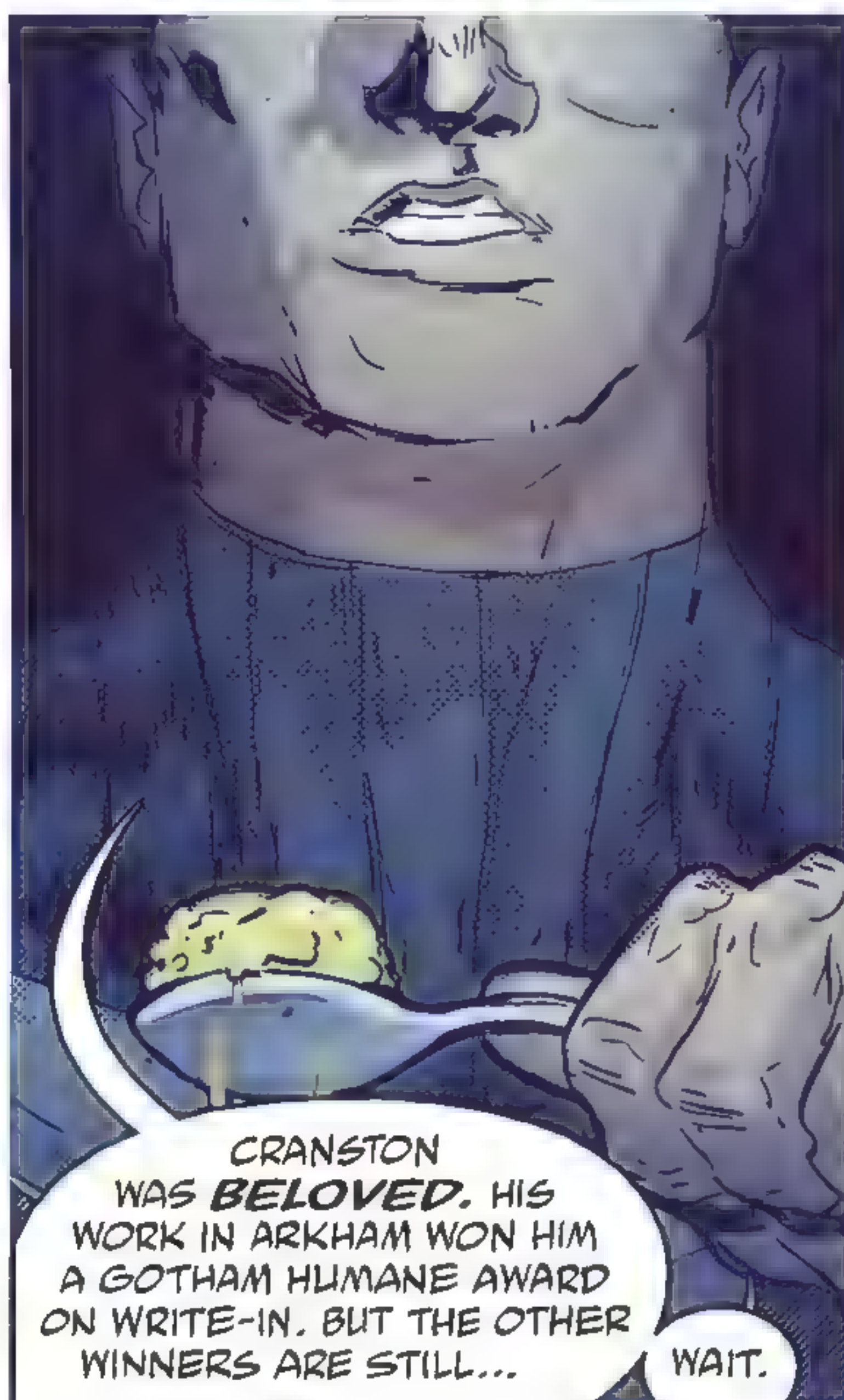
I RECHECKED THE DATA. CRANSTON WAS **NOT** AT THE CRIME SCENE. HE APPEARED FROM **NOTHING**. THERE IS NO WAY HE KNEW MY GRANDFATHER. NO WAY HE IS DUCARD--I **KNEW** HENRY.

THERE HAS TO BE AN **EXPLANATION** FOR HIM. BUT THE EVIDENCE IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL.



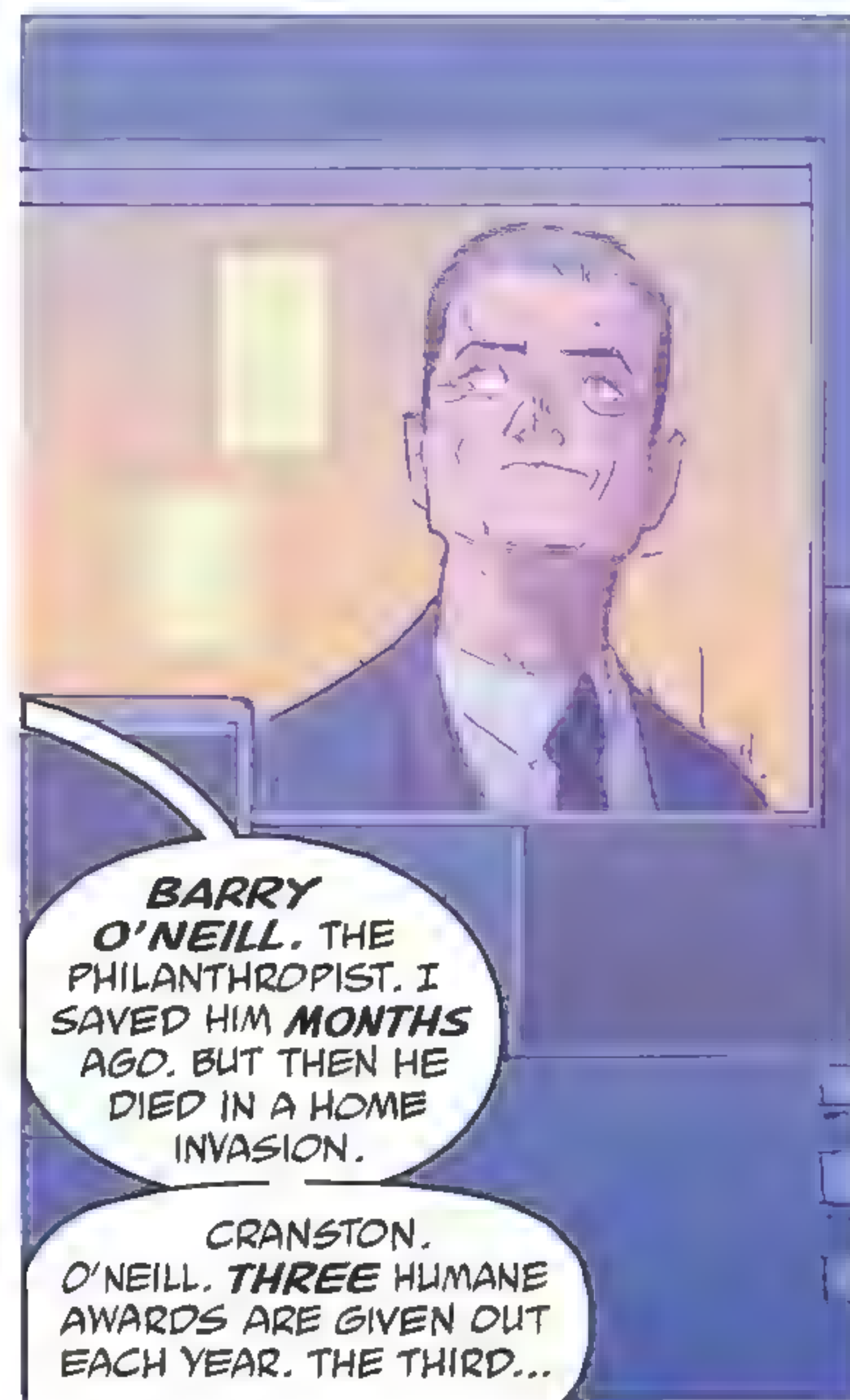
HE **COULD** BE TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS "STAG." I CAN'T IGNORE THAT.

CRANSTON'S MURDER IS HARD FACT. SHADOW SAID THE STAG KILLS THE **BEST** OF US...



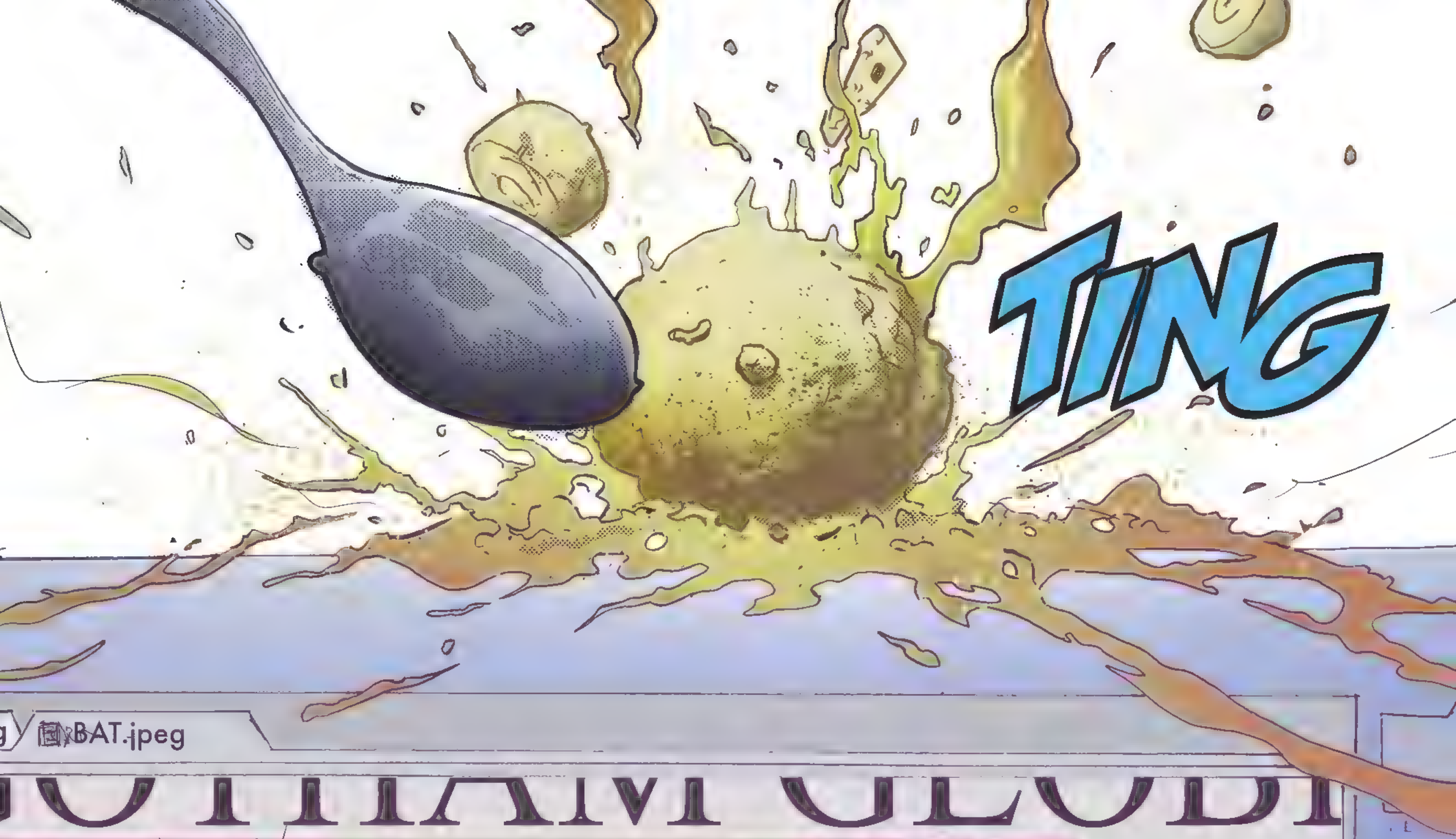
CRANSTON WAS **BELOVED**. HIS WORK IN ARKHAM WON HIM A GOTHAM HUMANE AWARD ON WRITE-IN. BUT THE OTHER WINNERS ARE STILL...

WAIT.



BARRY O'NEILL. THE PHILANTHROPIST. I SAVED HIM **MONTHS** AGO. BUT THEN HE DIED IN A HOME INVASION.

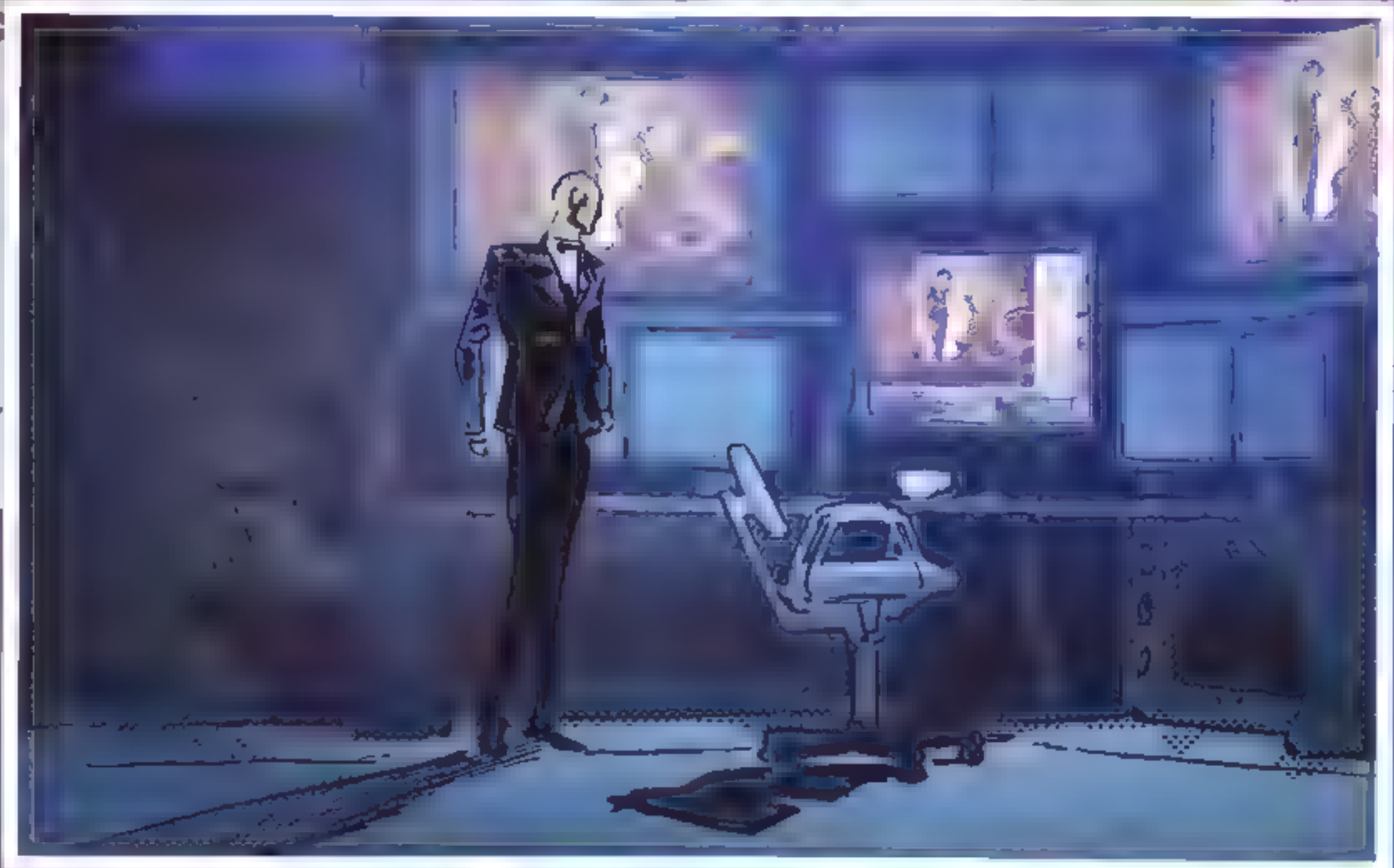
CRANSTON. O'NEILL. **THREE** HUMANE AWARDS ARE GIVEN OUT EACH YEAR. THE THIRD...



DOCTOR
LESLIE
THOMPSON

by
Vicky Vale

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consectetur adipiscin
sed do eiusmod temp
didunt ut labore et do
magna aliqua. Ut eni
minim veniam, quis n
exercitation ullamco
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cupidatat non proider
in culpa qui officia de
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Sed ut perspiciatis un



THE THOMPSONS
FREE CLINIC.
CRIME ALLEY.

LESLIE THOMPSONS,
M.D., RECORDING.
MR. LONE
IS IN RECOVERY, DESPITE
STUBBORN MISTAKES BY NEW
SURGICAL ASSISTANT.

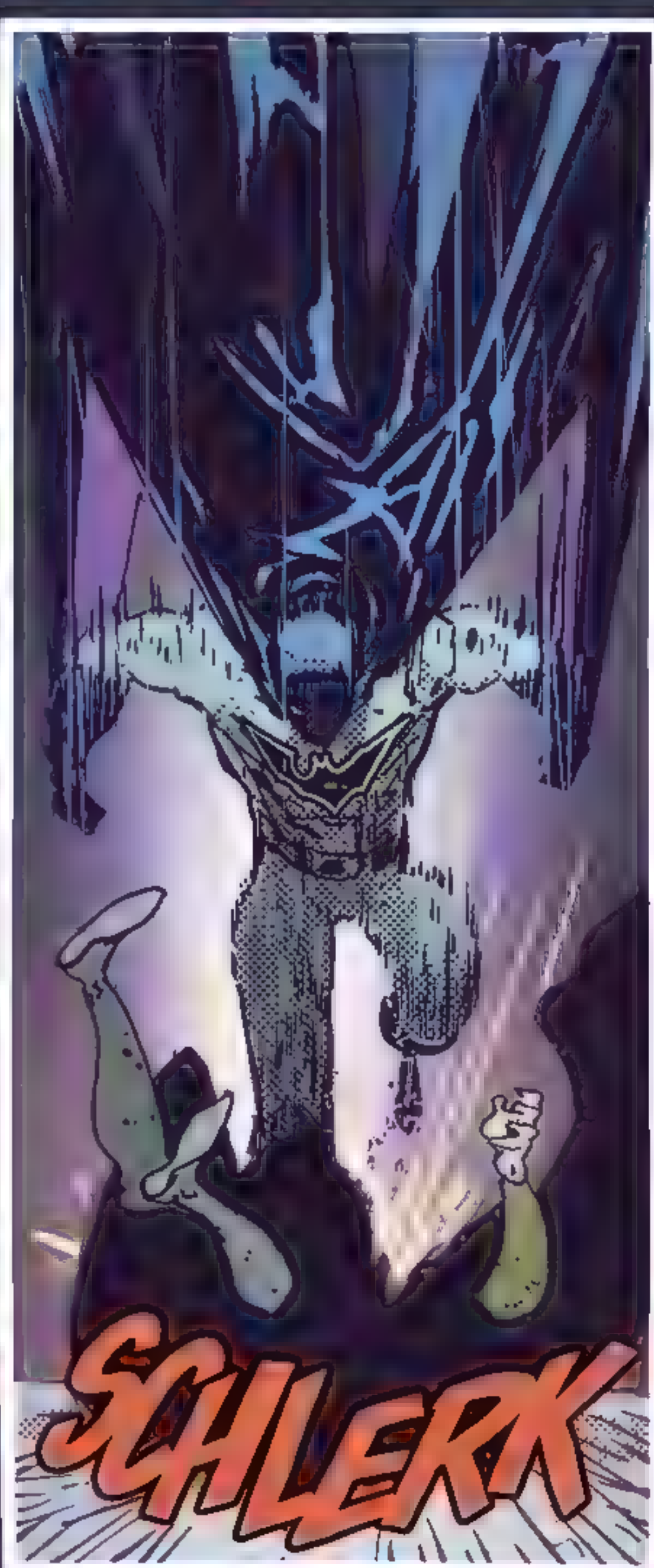
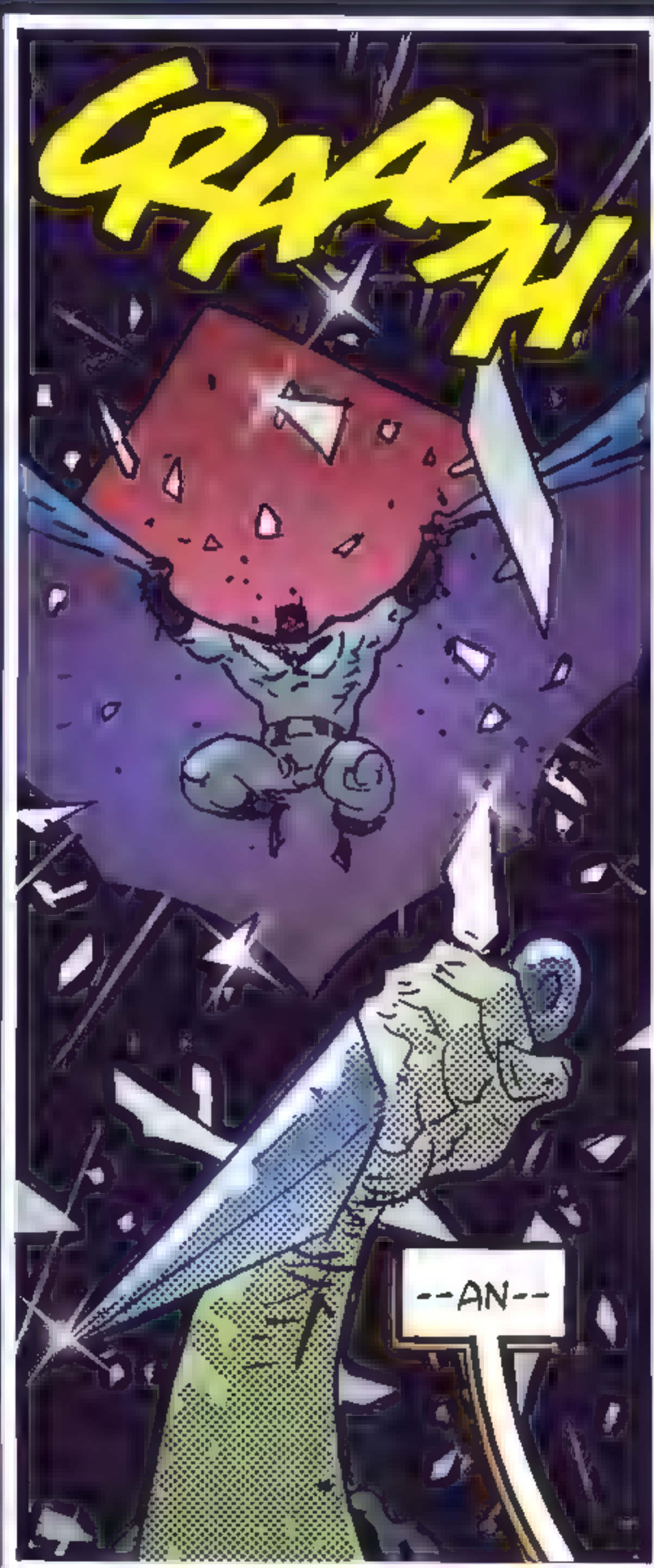
I WONDER. PERHAPS I SHOULD
HAVE KEPT HIM **CLOSER**
DURING TRAINING.

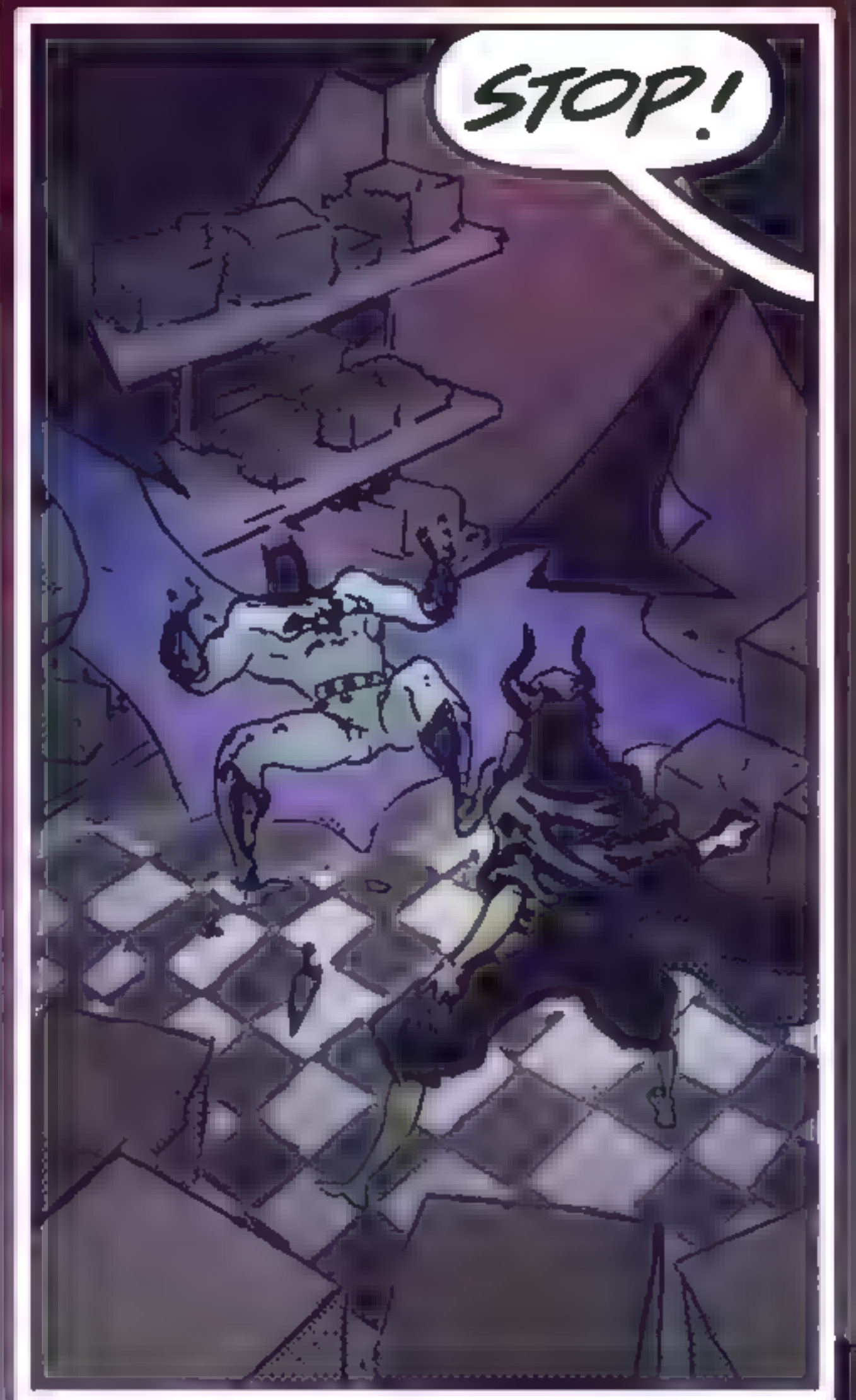
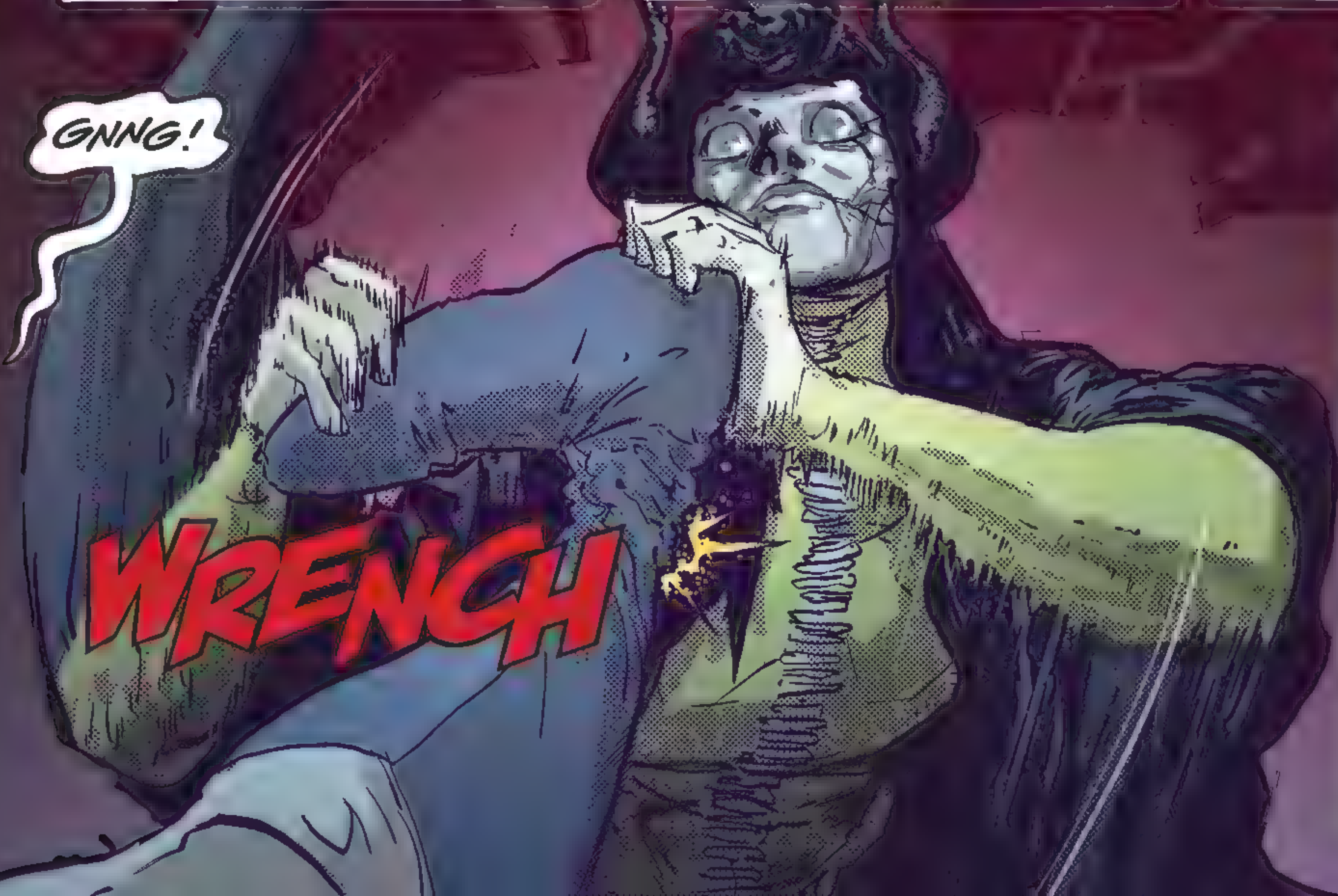
MR. LONE'S
AFTERCARE IS
PROVING **DIFFICULT**.
HE REQUIRES
CONSTANT
SURVEILLANCE.

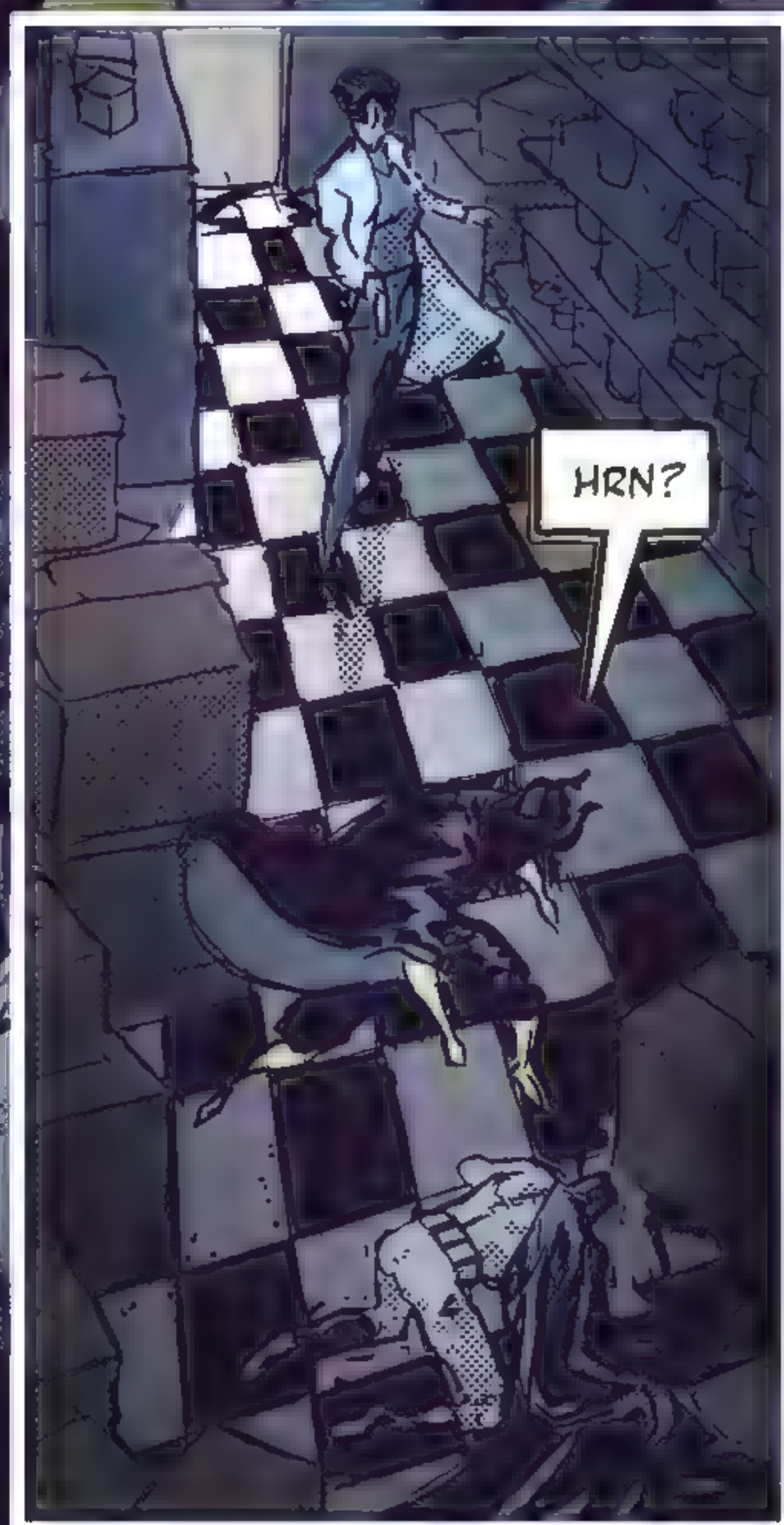
HE
CAME IN
RAVING ABOUT
A MAN IN **BLACK**
AND **RED**. A MAN
WHO **LAUGHED**
INSIDE HIS
HEAD.

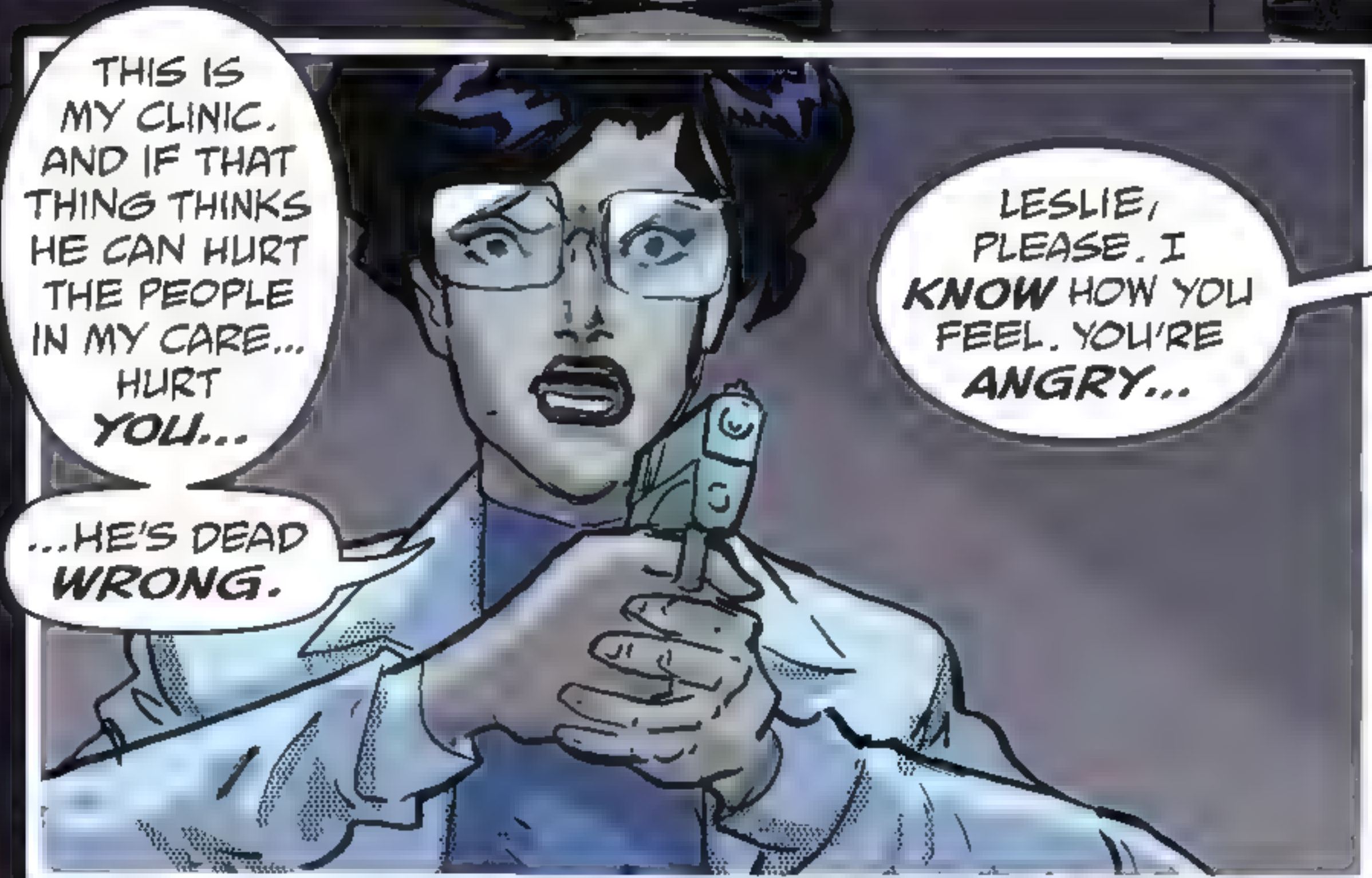
SCRITCH
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HA.
THAT'S
A FUN
RHYME!











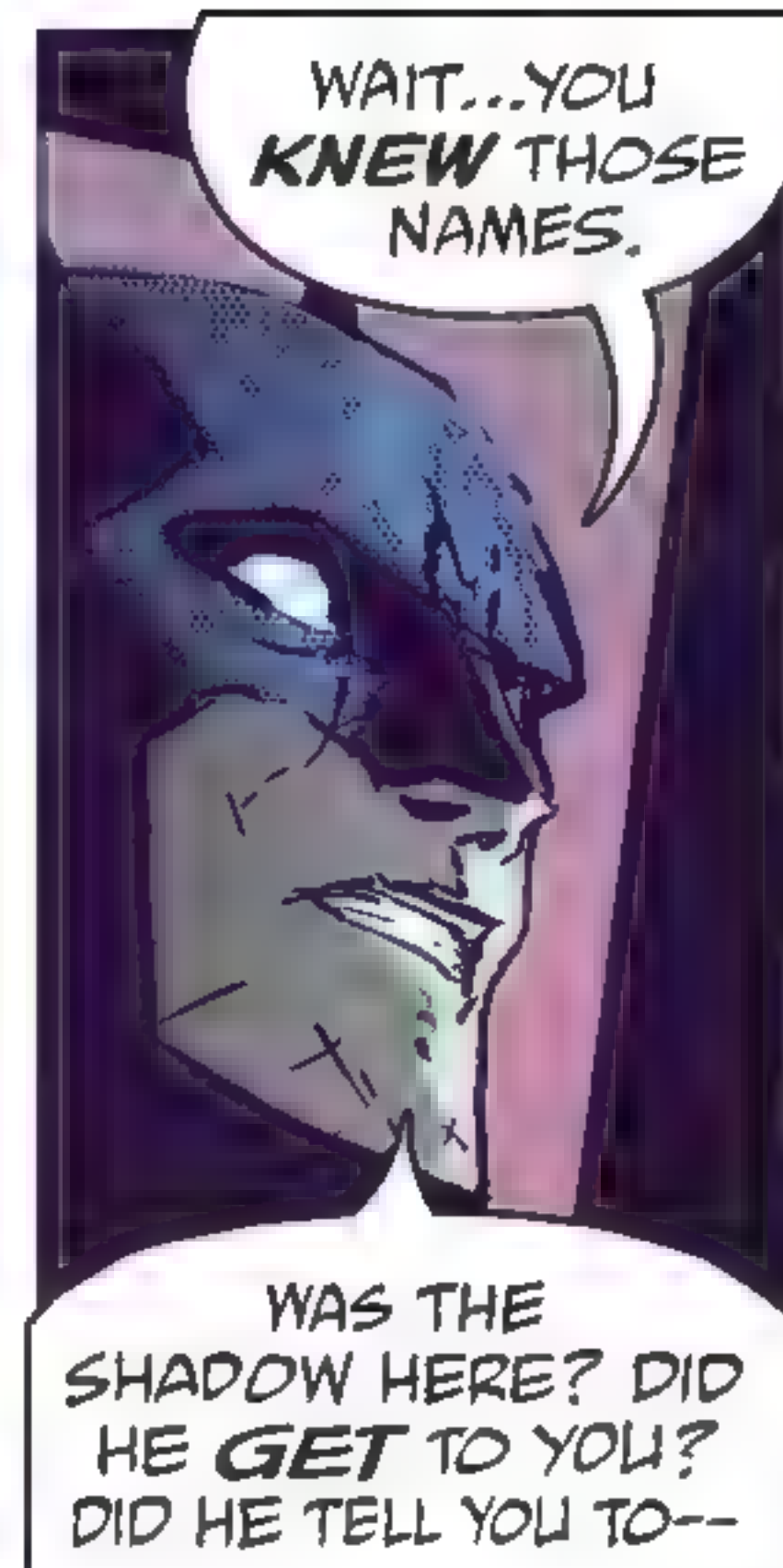
STOP!

BANG



WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HOW COULD YOU **FIRE**?

SIMPLE, BATMAN. THERE ARE DEBTS AND **DEATHS** TO BE PAID.



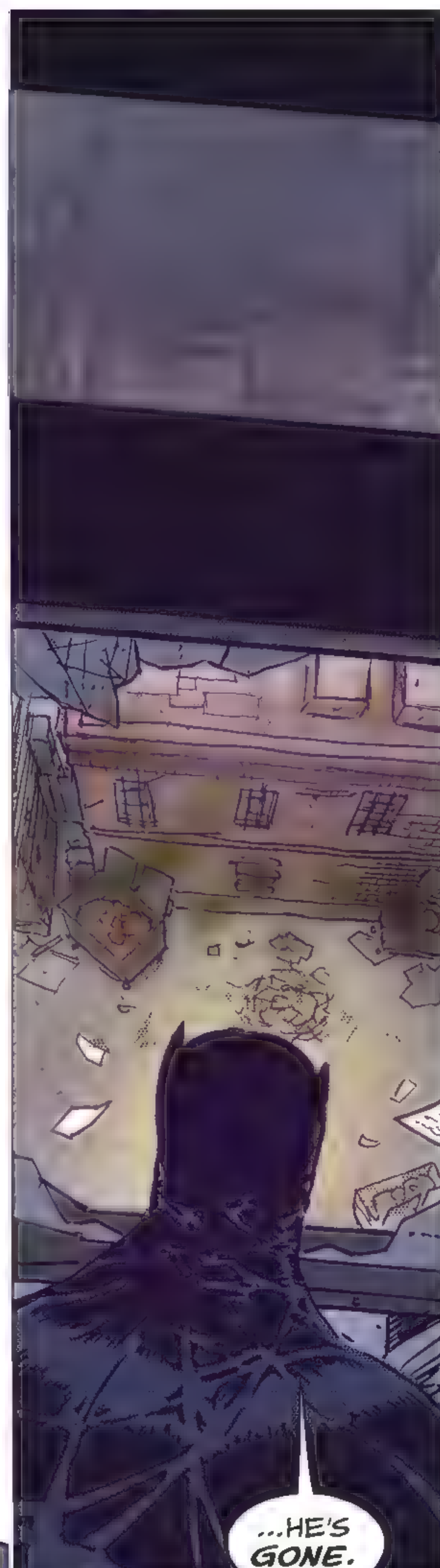
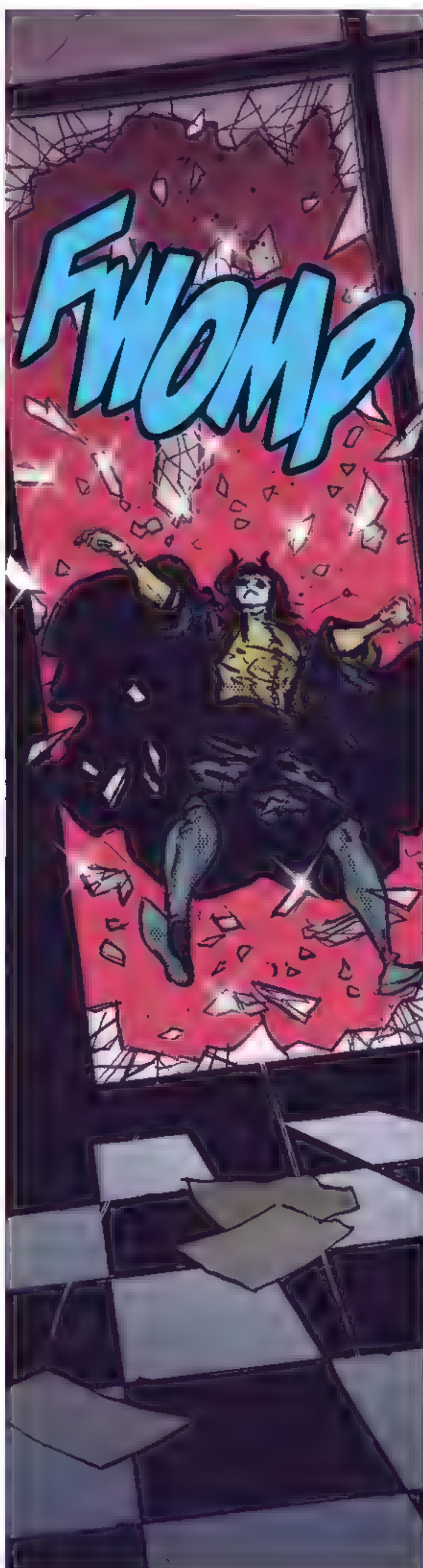
WAIT...YOU **KNEW** THOSE NAMES.

WAS THE SHADOW HERE? DID HE **GET** TO YOU? DID HE TELL YOU TO--



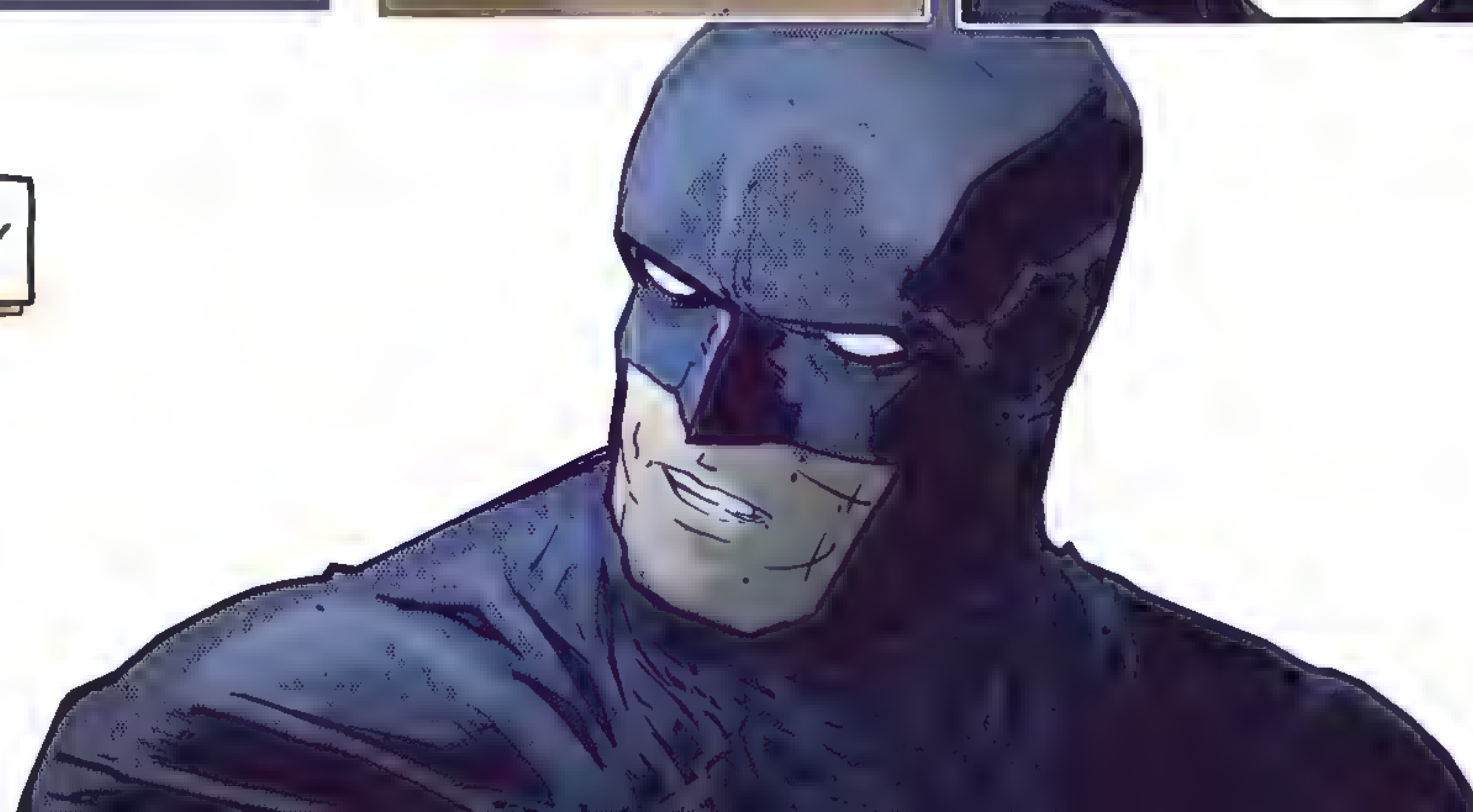
...I AM...

...I AM AN **HONEST SIGNAL**.



...HE'S **GONE**.

ONCE AGAIN, **BATMAN**...



THE TRUTH
DEFEATS YOU.



WHAT
DID YOU DO TO
LESLIE?!

LESLIE THOMPkins IS
SAFE. ATTENDING TO
ONE OF MY AGENTS.
NONE THE WISER.

THAT'S YOUR
LAST LIE.

DON'T BE A
CHILD. I
TOOK HER
PLACE TO
PROTECT
HER.



YOU
SHOT HIM
THROUGH
THE
HEAD!

I SAW
THE WOUND.
**SMELLED THE
BLOOD. HEARD**
HIM HIT THE
GROUND. HE
SHOULD BE
DEAD.

BUT HE'S
GONE!

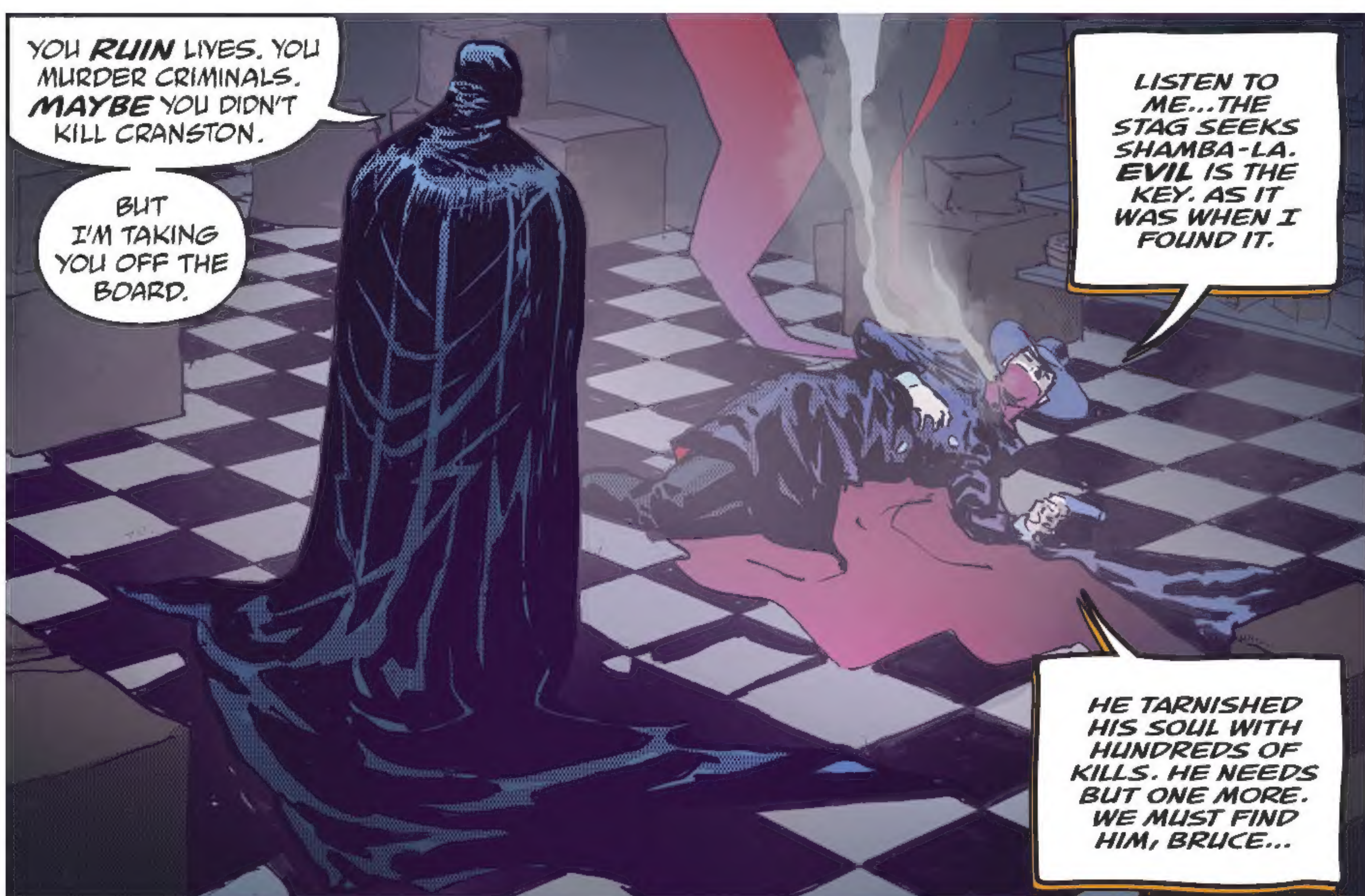


I TOLD YOU.
THE **STAG**
CANNOT DIE.



EVERY-
ONE CAN
DIE.

NOT ALL ARE
BOUND BY
MORTAL RULES.
YOU MUST
ACCEPT THAT.
AS YOU MUST
ACCEPT ME.

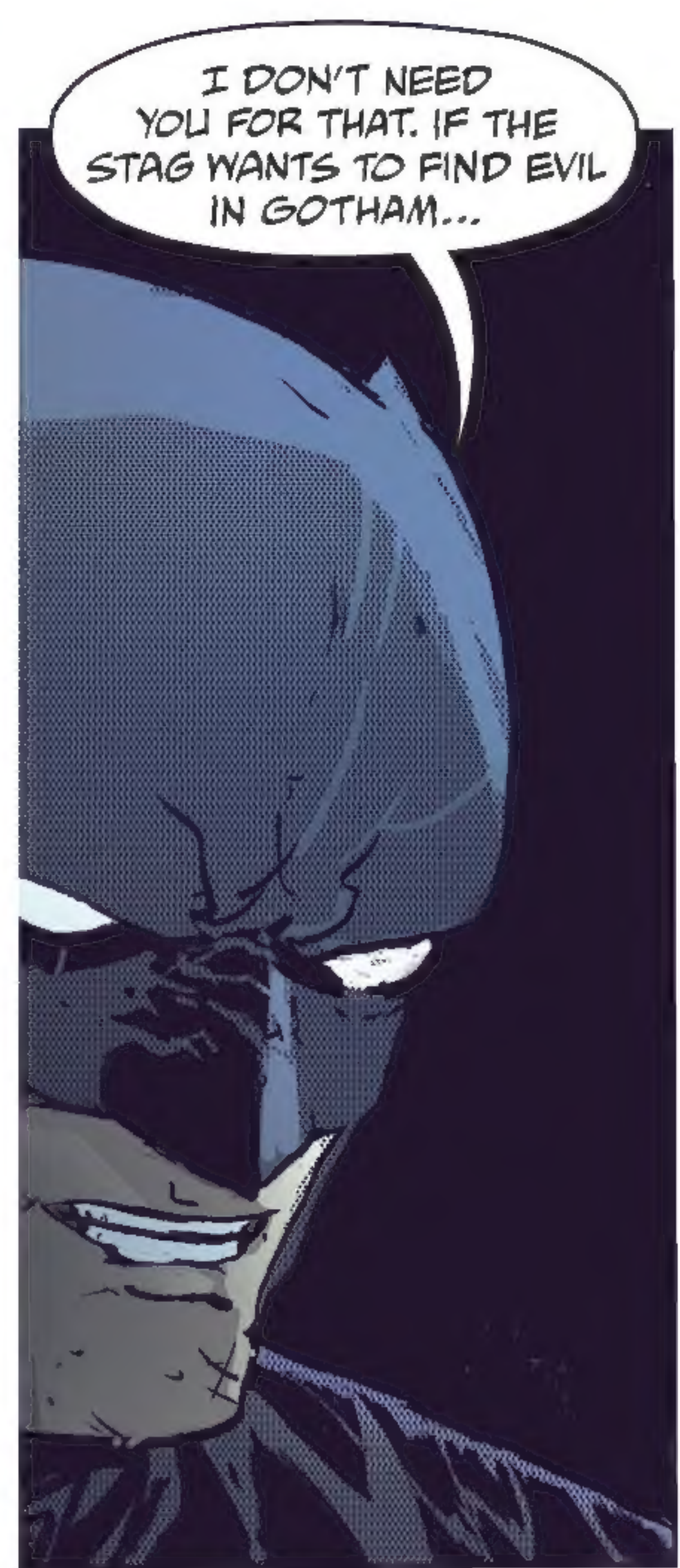


YOU **RUIN** LIVES. YOU
MURDER CRIMINALS.
MAYBE YOU DIDN'T
KILL CRANSTON.

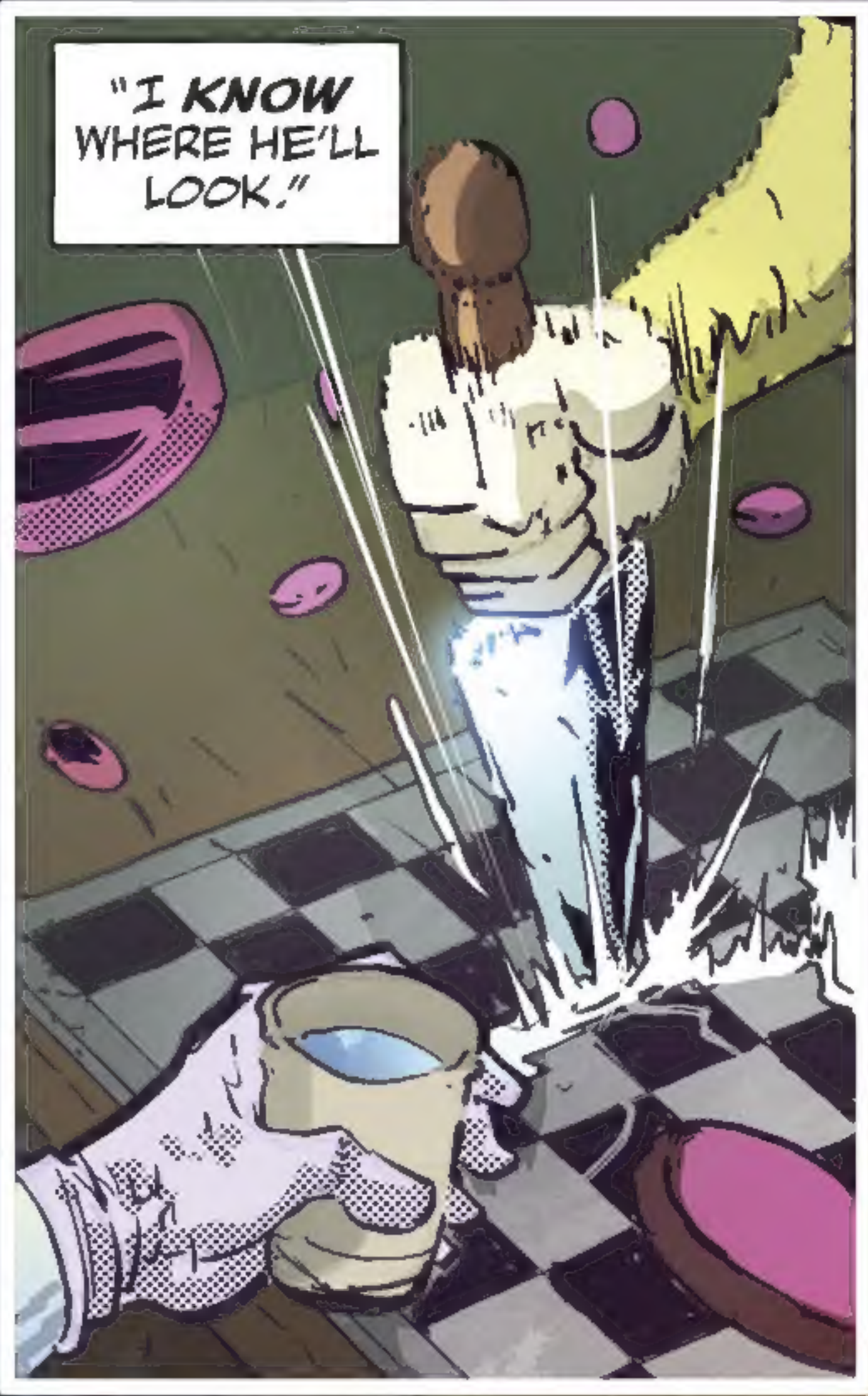
BUT
I'M TAKING
YOU OFF THE
BOARD.

LISTEN TO
ME...THE
STAG SEEKS
SHAMBA-LA.
EVIL IS THE
KEY. AS IT
WAS WHEN I
FOUND IT.

HE TARNISHED
HIS SOUL WITH
HUNDREDS OF
KILLS. HE NEEDS
BUT ONE MORE.
WE MUST FIND
HIM, BRUCE...



I DON'T NEED
YOU FOR THAT. IF THE
STAG WANTS TO FIND EVIL
IN GOTHAM...



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